passed by the Rajya Sabha. The Bill, passed by the Rajya Sabha is being amended and is proposed to be introduced in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in the current session.

Kerbs by the Delhi Traffic Police in Delhi

2257. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented various important recommendations contained in the report of the study group on Road safety, of the Ministry of Shipping and Transport of June 1972; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Delhi Traffic Police is ignoring the principles of construction of Kerbs, especially regarding height, on the city roads, making these too high and dangerous for motorists, who in turn keep away from these; and occupy more space than necessary;

(c) whether Government would ensure that *ad hoc* decision are not taken by traffic police who have no expertise and that this is done in consultation with qualified road engineers and informed citizen groups; and

(d) whether all the existing Kerbs would be inspected and changes made, where desirable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Majority of the recommendations made in the Road Safety report, 1972 pertioned to improvement in traffic management. The recommendations had been remitted to the State Governments/UTs for necessary action. Recommendations pertaining to in-built devices in vehicles designed for road-safety, the driver training aspects, vehicle inspection, analysis of accident data, way side facilities, patrolling through traffic aid posts, are suitably in-corporated in the M. V. Act. 1988. National Road Safety Council has been constituted and the State Govts. have been advised to set up State-level Councils and District-level Committees.

According to information received from State Govts., they have initiated steps to implement appropriate road safety measures, which is a continuing process.

(b) to (d) According to Delhi Administration, the kerbs are not constructed by Delhi Traffic Police but are constructed by Road Construction agencies; like NDMC, PWD, MCD, DDA, Delhi Canto. Board etc. and generally in accordance with the specifications laid down by Indian Road Congress.

There is a lay-out approval Committee of the MCD having representatives of all Civil agencies and Delhi Police, as well. All proposals relating to constructing of chanellised islands and construction of kerbs are scrutinised by experts.

PWD of Delhi Administration has been asked to undertake inspection of all the existing kerbs to ensure that they are as per standards.

Road Development in India

2258. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN S WAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in numerous countries, the road development is far superior to the level attained in India; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to build autobahn or turnpika system of road, to facilitate faster and safer travel in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The construction of first expressway from Ahmedabad to Vadodara is in progress.